

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** El Paso International Airport

**AGENDA DATE:** May 26, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Sam Rodriguez, 915-212-1815

David Panko, 915-212-0480

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** District 3

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** 1

Create an Environment Conducive to Strong Sustainable Economic Development

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.**

That the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification application and all supporting documents and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the Following parcel:

Legal description – E BENNETT SURV 11 2A (6.942 AC) & 2B (0.6245 AC) & 2C (0.5366 AC) & 2D (0.1462 AC) & 2D2 (1.2061 AC) & 2E (0.9389 AC), City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, commonly known as 300 Revere, Suite B, El Paso, Texas 79905.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

**Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?**

The City of El Paso has a grant authority to establish, operate, and maintain FTZ, De No. 68. It is known as the Grantee of FTZ No. 68, which is operated through the Aviation Department's FTZ Administrative office. The zone helps expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the El Paso region and desires to add these parcels into FTZ boundaries through a minor boundary modification process with the US Foreign Trade Zones Board, US Department of Commerce.

VRP Transportation, Inc. is a multinational logistics and supply chain company located in El Paso, TX. They perform both freight management and contract logistics for companies in the US and Mexico. They are a major logistics company in the US and in Mexico providing services to many Fortune 500 companies operating Maquiladoras in the borderplex region. They have a site in central El Paso and they plan to expand their operations by activating as an FTZ User/Operator in Foreign Trade Zone 68 to grow their business.

Attachment B shows the location of the parcel in relation to other Foreign Trade Zone boundaries. Attachment C shows a the location of the parcel with its associated streets. (no attachment A)

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**

The Council has approved Minor Boundary Modifications in the past for other companies and locations in the city of El Paso

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?**

Not applicable.

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**\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\***

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

Samuel Rodriguez  
(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso, as recipient of a grant of authority from the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board, is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain Foreign Trade Zone No. 68;

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso, by and through its Department of Aviation, established and owns, operates, and maintains Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 in order to expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the El Paso region;

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso desires to submit a minor boundary modification application to the U. S. Foreign Trade Zone Board to modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include a new site which will be used primarily for distribution operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso desires the minor boundary application be subject to the activation limit under the traditional site framework,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification application, including all supporting documents and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the following:

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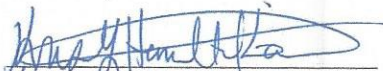
### CITY OF EL PASO

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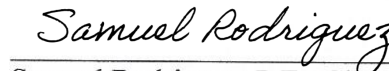
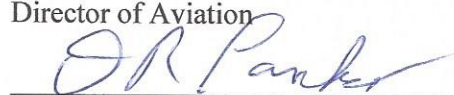
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Dee Margo  
Mayor

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Kristen Lynn Hamilton-Karam  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
Samuel Rodriguez, P.E., City Engineer  
Director of Aviation  
  
David R. Panko  
Foreign Trade Zone Manager

# **FTZ Minor Boundary Modification – Advanced Paperworks**

## **Executive Summary**

**The proposed Resolution is to authorize that the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification application, including all supporting documents and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the following:**

**Adding H SANTA FE 7 TO 20, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, commonly known as 525 Canal Road, Suite C, El Paso, Texas 79901.**

The Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 currently has 3448 acres designated as FTZ authorized land in the City of El Paso. These are parcels of land that are strategically located throughout El Paso covering industrial parks and stand-alone facilities. The FTZ program helps businesses to optimize their operations, creating economic development and increasing employment in the city of El Paso.

The Minor Boundary Modification will add this parcel of land to the FTZ designated boundaries for the City of El Paso. This location is not currently in the FTZ 68 designated boundaries, so we will submit a standard Minor Boundary Modification to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, US Department of Commerce, in Washington, D.C, for their approval.

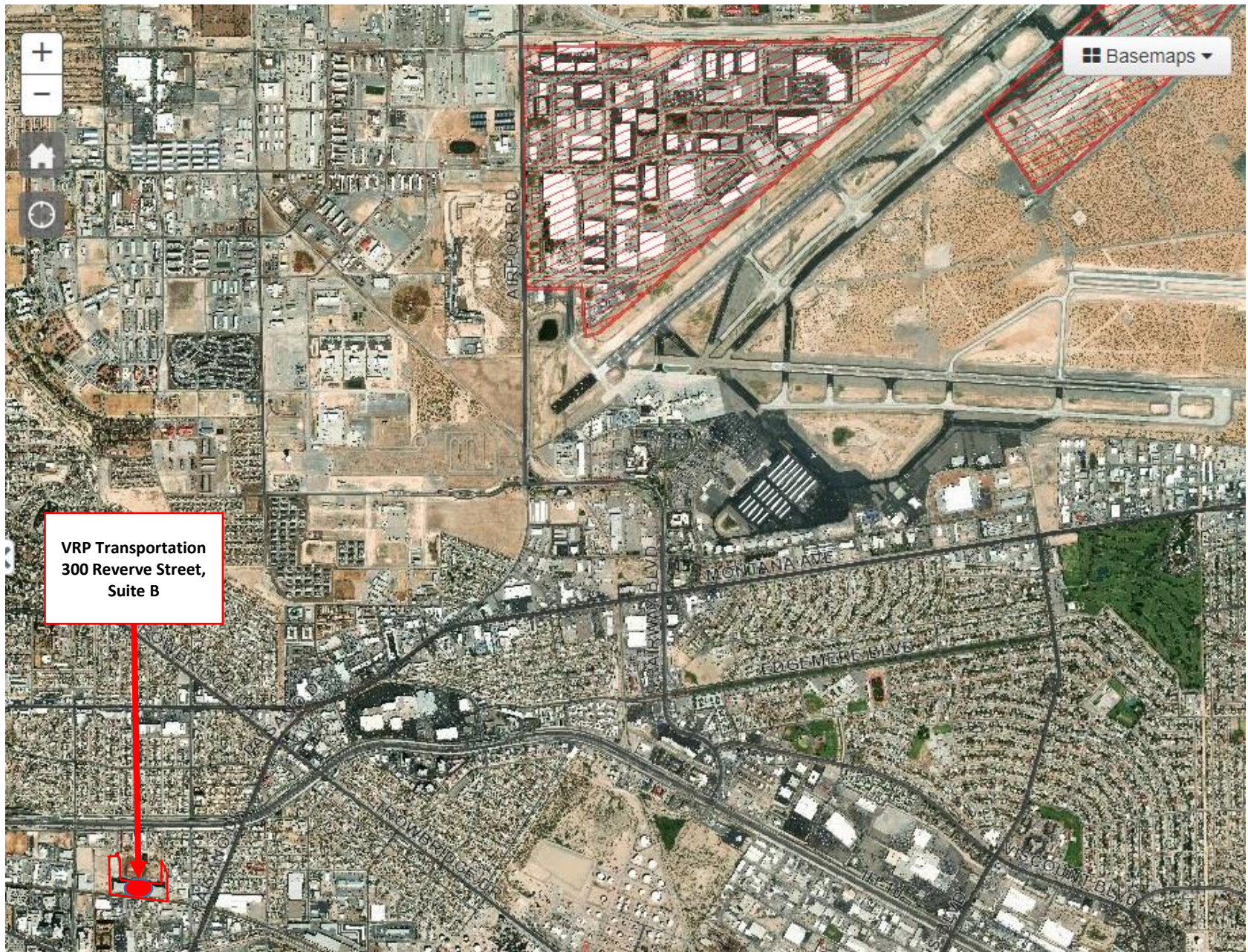
Advanced Paperworks wants to bring their facility into the Foreign Trade Zone program. They perform specialty manufacturing for short runs, prototypes, and specialty products. Their product focus is on safety products, including medical personal protective equipment (PPE). They have a wide array of customers from small companies to fortune 500 companies. Their customer base is international. This site is in the downtown El Paso area they plan to optimize their operations by activating as an FTZ Operator in Foreign Trade Zone 68 to grow their business. They also plan to activate as an FTZ Manufacturer at a future date giving them the opportunity to provide more jobs and economic growth in El Paso.

The Minor Boundary Modification is a standard process for the City of El Paso and the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to keep the FTZ designated boundaries viable for industry, trade, and commerce.

Once the El Paso City Council approves the minor boundary modification, the supporting letters from each taxing entity will be secured, then application made to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board in Washington, D.C. for final approval to modify the FTZ No. 68 boundaries. The taxing entities are the City of El Paso, El Paso County, El Paso Community College, and the El Paso Independent School District.



## Attachment B – Parcel with Site (red-lined) 300 Revere St. (10.3943 acres)





# Attachment C – Parcel with Site (red-lined) 300 Revere St. (10.3943 acres)

